



St. John's Anglican Church Albany Consecrated 1848.

**Sunday, 5th October 2025
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Sentence of the Day

'Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you,' says the Lord, 'as one who serves.'

Luke 22.27

Collect
Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Week
Generous God, whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness: make us ever thankful for your goodness, and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

1st Reading Lamentations 1.1-6

- ¹ How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.
² She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.
³ Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting-place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.
⁴ The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
⁵ Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
⁶ From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1.1-14

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am

reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Gospel Reading Luke 17.5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶ The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.' ⁷ 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

The Psalm for today is Lamentations 3.19-26

- ¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Jeremiah 29.1, 29.4-7

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2nd Reading 2 Timothy 2.8-15

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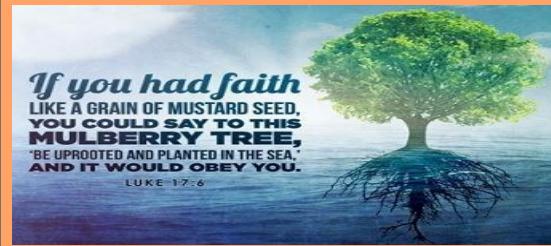
Gospel Reading Luke 17.11-19

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**HYMNS – EUCHARIST SETTING
DUDMAN TIS 756**

	8am	9.30am
Introit		154
Gradual	217	217
Offertory	560	560
Recessional	571	571

Children's Church is available at our 9:30am service. This week's Children's Talk is A Mustard Seed Faith.'



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS - All are welcome at the Lord's table. Baptised, communicant members of all Christian denominations, are very welcome to receive Holy Communion and any person welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and wish to receive the Sacrament in your pew, please speak to a sides person.

We respectfully acknowledge the Menang Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship and minister, and pay respect to elders past and present.

Hello Dear Friends

I pray you have had a good week and managed to enjoy the Wildflowers and Bonsai displays. We now find ourselves at the start of an exciting month. October is a busy month! Synod next week and then our "Harvest Festival of Hymns" and anniversary celebrations to look forward to.

The seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost has a sentence reminding us that the servant is Lord is amongst us at the table. We pray collectively for mercy in our unworthiness and that we never be ashamed to witness.

We begin reading from Lamentations. Jeremiah was the author of the Lamentations which bear his name. The book was not written until after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans. We read of the miserable state of Jerusalem, the just consequences of its sins. We continue as the faithful lament their calamities, and hope in God's mercies.

In the second letter to Timothy Paul tells Timothy of what had occurred during the imprisonment of the apostle, and to request him to come to Rome. But being uncertain whether he should be suffered to live to see him, Paul gives a variety of advice and encouragements, for the faithful discharge of his ministerial duties. As this was a private epistle written to St. Paul's most intimate friend, under the miseries of imprisonment, and in the near prospect of death, it shows the temper and character of the apostle and contains convincing proofs that he sincerely believed the doctrines he preached. Paul expresses great affection for Timothy.

Today Luke gives us an account of Jesus' lessons in faith and humility, and we ponder our reasons to serve.

There is a tendency amongst some Christians to think that God owes them something. They imagine God as being like the typical employer. If we do the work, then in fairness our employer owes us our wages. God therefore owes us a reward in heaven, provided we serve faithfully on earth. This is a very understandable attitude. But it introduces a mercenary attitude into what is essentially supposed to be a love affair, between God and us. But more importantly, this attitude contravenes what we are taught in the scriptures.

The stark truth is: we can never put God in the position where God is in debt to us. Jesus says that even when we have done all we are expected to do (and which of us would be so bold as to make that claim?): we still can't make any demands on God.

The fundamental truth about Christianity is that it is a religion of grace and not of merit. Salvation cannot be earned. We can never put God in our debt. But of course, we don't have to. God is our Father. We are God's children. Children who are in a good relationship with their father: don't do what he says for the sake of a reward. They do it because they want to try to return his love for them.

Therefore, it comes as a great relief to discover that we don't need to prove ourselves to God. We don't have to earn God's love. God loved us long before we could have done anything to deserve it. And loves us even when we are sinners. Our task: is to return God's love, through faithfulness and obedience.

We don't keep the commandments so that God will love us; we keep the commandments because God loves us. The Good News might be summed up like this: Jesus wants his disciples to serve him out of love, not out of duty. Hence, faith is not enough; we need love too. While faith makes all things possible, love enables us to put our faith into practice.

The most generous and heroic deeds in life are those which are performed, not in the line of duty or in the hope of monetary or other rewards: but out of pure love. I found a story!!!

It was late afternoon on a raw winter's day. Everybody was in a hurry to get home. Suddenly a cry arose: 'There's a man in the river!' People rushed to the wall and looked down into the muddy, uninviting water. Sure enough – there was a man down there thrashing about in the dark water. His desperate cries for help reached the onlookers above the din of the traffic.

Then, without a word, a young man got up on the wall, took a quick look down, and dived into the murky waters. After a couple of unsuccessful dives, he eventually grabbed the drowning man and hauled him to safety.

Out on the roadside a crowd gathered around the rescued man as they waited for an ambulance to come. After the man was rushed off to the hospital a reporter came by and seeing the possibility of a story, began to fish for information amongst the crowd. But when he asked who had saved the man, he was nowhere to be found, having done what needed to be done, he had quietly slipped away.

What God wants from us is that we should come to God as children come to their Father; God wants us to behave ourselves honourably, not out of hope of a reward, but out of love, and our eagerness to serve.

Salvation is a gift, not a wage. A wage is a great thing, but it can't compare with the joy one experiences upon receiving a gift. Especially the gift of salvation!

Blessings

Karen



" SALVATION "
IS BY FAR THE BEST GIFT
WE CAN EVER RECEIVE

Mothers Union Monthly Prayer

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

As we focus on prison ministry, we pray that we too would respond to Jesus' call. We give thanks for the Mothers' Union members who support prisoners, their families and later when the sentence ends, help them establish new beginnings.

HOPE25
HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

courageous in sharing their stories, and faithful in speaking about hope. Many people have heard about Jesus and have taken steps towards faith.

*We give thanks to God today for Hope25.
Right across our country
from the north to south,
from the east to the west,
Anglicans have been proclaiming
the hope we have in Jesus.
People have been bold in giving invitations*

*We praise God for the many who have heard of
our hope,
for those who we have welcomed into our
churches
and for those who have believed in Jesus.
We ask God to continue to bless our church
as we live in hope.*

Prayers for:

The Diocese of Bathurst - Bishop Mark Calder, clergy and people.

The Parish of Boyanup – St George's (Boyanup), St. John the Divine (Capel), St Mary's (Dardanup) and St. Aidan's (Ferguson).

The Parish of Boyup Brook – Assisting Priests- Revd. Sue Kemp, Revd. David Bardsley and wife Hilary.

Please pray for:

- *Growth in faith.
- *A willingness to share our gifts of 'time, talents and treasures' to grow the Kingdom of God in our towns.
- *Direction for the Parish Council.
- *Wisdom in the use of parish funds and buildings.
- *Strengthening of ecumenical relationships.
- *Give thanks and pray for God's continued blessing on the outreach to the Aged Care and Hospital.
- *Encourage younger people to leadership positions.
- *Vision for St Saviour's to bring hope for the future .

Diocesan Ministry: Cursillo - Lay Director - Anne Ritson and Barbara McDowell,

Spiritual Director - Revd. Ian Mabey.

For the World: -

- *Those who are homeless and estranged from families.
- *All Community Service Organisations seeking to give assistance and relief to those in need.

*That God's people will sense the great need to spend more time in prayer.

Prayers for:

Anglican Church of Kenya - Diocese of Kapsabet.

St John's Kebulonik Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Eliud Legetet and wife Sheila.

St Luke's Koisolik Parish - Parish Priest - Revd. Tobias Abira and wife Joaphine

Please pray for:

*Strength and encouragement for our Clergy and Lay Ministers as they work within the challenges contexts of economic and social paradigm shifts .

* Those seeking baptism, wedding, and for those God is calling to join confirmation classes.

Diocesan Ministry - Pray that God may render powerless the devices of the wicked against the wellbeing of our nations at every point.

St John's Church presents
Saturday, 18 October 8.00am - 1.00pm

In front of Church
York St, Albany

Spring Mini-Fete

VARIETY OF STALLS
INCLUDING:

Plants and Garden items, jams,
pickles, cakes and more.
Labyrinth on lawn.

Sausage sizzle on
the front lawn.
Church open.
Op-Shop open.

Fundraising for
Community Outreach
Programs.



Saturday 25th October 2025

8am - 11am @ Motel Le Grande, Albany
Motel Le Grande - cnr Albany Hwy & Drome Road, Albany

Guest Speakers:

Jess Mulder & Ellen Hickman

Buffet Breakfast \$35.00

Tickets available from Albany Christian Bookshop
274 York Street, Albany (Shoppers Court Arcade) *Please note: cash sales only*

For catering purposes tickets must be purchased before 21st October

Unfortunately we are unable to cater for children at this event

Enquiries please phone Shelley 0438 751 083
or email: shelleyaredmond@hotmail.com

Upcoming Meetings

Martha's Soup Kitchen - Monday 12pm-1pm.

The Final stall holder /Fete meeting will be held tomorrow MONDAY OCTOBER 6th at 2PM in the Dorothy Wood Hall. I hope for a good attendance
Mike T 0417967368

Communications Committee Meeting - Tues. 7th Oct - 4pm via Zoom.
October Parish Council Reports are due by email to Parish Administrator by 5pm
Wed . 15th Oct.

Finance Committee Meeting - Thurs. 16th Oct at 10am.

Bonsai Society Annual Exhibition - will be in St John's Hall and Wardens Court
this weekend (finishing on Sunday (TODAY)).

SYNOD will be held from Friday 10th Oct to Sat. 11th Oct at Living Water.

Cruise Ships are Back. The Crown Princess is scheduled to dock in Albany on
Wednesday, 15th Oct. We wish all a very happy visit to Albany and safe sailing.
There will be markets in St. John's Hall.

Garden and grounds preparation for Parish birthday and fete. We are planning to do
a **busy bee at 9am on Wednesday 8 October** to prepare for Parish Anniversary
Fete on 18 October. Actually the garden already looks in top order however there
are still spring preparations. Please let John Blake, Mike Taylor, Lyris Taylor or
Parish office know if you can join us next Wednesday morning. Also if you could be
available to assist stall holders at the mini-fete on 18 October.
John Blake. Mobile 0438 761950.

2026 Lectionaries are now available from the Office for \$12.50.

Emergency Relief - Hi everyone Thanks for your previous donations which we very much appreciated. We urgently require the following items:

- * 1 litre full cream long life milk,
- * 1kg plain or self-raising flour and,
- * 1kg white rice.

Thank you and best wishes from the ER team.

Ministry opportunities - The Church cleaning team and Op Shop are looking for extra volunteers to join them. Please contact our Op Shop Manager, Wardens or Revd. Karen.

Church Watch is now up and running again on Fridays from 11am-2pm. If anyone is interested in assisting with this ministry please speak to Revd. Karen.

PEACE OF MIND

Regardless of age, an enduring power of attorney (EPA), an enduring power of guardianship (EPG) and an advanced health directive (AHD) can be accessed at <https://www.wa.gov.au/service/justice/civil-law/enduring-power-of-attorney> and are recommended to be in place to provide peace of mind to our families. Do you have a will?



AND FUNERALS

Information to assist you make your wishes known re funeral arrangements can be accessed via the Parish Office. The completed information is for your family and/or support persons to ensure your wishes are carried out.

Prayer Chain - A parish prayer chain has been re-established. If you have prayer requests **please contact Revd Karen (0434 702 343)**, who will communicate with other members of the team. Prayer requests will not be discussed by prayer chain members and will be kept in confidence. If you wish for prayers to continue for more than one week, please contact Rev. Karen again. The importance and power of prayer is intrinsic in our faith.

Prayer is an act of worship that glorifies God and reinforces our need for God. "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7(NRSV).

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER.

A contemplative prayer service is held in the Lady Chapel every Tuesday of the month at 11am. The format is flexible, but follows The Rhythm of Life: Celtic Daily Prayer by David Adam and includes a time of silent prayer, up to 20 minutes for regulars. The service is chosen as a result of discussion about matters on the hearts of those attending, and the contemplation based on a mantra taken from the psalm. The service takes less than an hour usually, and it is followed for those who wish to stay, by the regular Tuesday 12.30 Eucharist. The books are supplied, and contemplative time can be modified for those new to this form of prayer. You are most welcome to come and try a new experience! Cherry O'Donnell.

Direct Giving via Electronic Banking - Thanks again to those who are continuing to support the church in one form or another. Could I please ask that those that are electronically transferring money to the church follow the following instructions.

Ordinary Direct giving - quote the word "Donation" in the reference section and deposit into Anglican Community Fund.

BSB: 706-001

Acc: 3000 3081

Mission giving should be deposited into the Parish Holding Account using the word "Mission" as a reference.

Banking details are:

BSB: 706-001

Acc: 3000 8763

The Mission of The Month of October is Compassion

Compassion is a Christian international holistic child development organisation. Through their Child Sponsorship Program, more than 2 million children are currently being released from poverty in Jesus' name. With over six decades of experience, Compassion's unique approach to solving poverty works: research proves it.

Children are the hardest hit by poverty, the least able to change their circumstances, and at the heart of Jesus' ministry.

In response to God's call Compassion gives hope to the hopeless, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in a culturally relevant, non-coercive way.

While Compassion is a distinctly Christian organisation, they assist children and their families living in poverty regardless of their beliefs, gender or background.

Programs are delivered in partnership with local churches in developing countries.

These local congregations can best identify the specific needs of children in their community, and are able to adapt our programs to bring change to their communities.

Compassion addresses the holistic needs of the individual child so that they can become responsible and fulfilled adults, equipped to change their communities.

Compassion has a sponsorship scheme for anyone wishing to sponsor a child, their website has full details; local churches are involved with connecting sponsors with the children, and keeping them in touch with each other.

For further detail on Compassion, please visit their website <https://www.compassion.com.au>

Mandurah Branch
invite you to the
AMUA Bunbury Diocesan



*Forward into the future:
with hope and love*

2025 Country Rally & Annual Meeting

Thursday 16th October 2025

Christ's Church Anglican Church,
Cnr Sholl St & Pinjarra Road, Mandurah

9.15am – 9.45am Morning Tea

10.00am Eucharist
Celebrant Bishop Ian Coufts

followed by the Annual Meeting

Luncheon at

RAAFA ESTATE MEADOW SPRINGS
41 Portrush Parade, Mandurah

Cost \$30 each

GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs Tracey Gray
Principal, Frederick Irwin Anglican School



RSVP with numbers & payment by Friday 3 October

Payment to: Anglican Parish of Mandurah

BSB: 706 001 ACC: 30003262

Ref: "Branch" MUCR

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PLEASE ADVISE BY EMAIL OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Services at St John's.

We have implemented live streaming of services on Facebook - If you use Facebook please "like" the following pages Anglican Parish of Albany and Anglican Parish Albany Service Stream for live services or recordings. We will also put a link on the website www.anglicanchurchalbany.org.au so you can watch the recordings.

Normal Worship times:

Sunday 8:00am	Sung Eucharist with Hymns
Sunday 9.30am	Live streamed sung Eucharist with Hymns
Sunday 7.00pm	Live Streamed Compline
Tuesday 12.30 pm	Eucharist
Monday - Friday	Morning and Evening Prayer live streamed at 8am and 5pm.

The next Order of St Luke Healing Service will be held on Thursday 9th of October at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel.

CONTACT DETAILS

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